

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**SB 834 - HB 1445**

February 21, 2023

**SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (004290):** Prohibits a public postsecondary institution that provides internet access to students, faculty, staff, or the general public from allowing an individual to access a social media platform using the institution's network if the platform is operated or hosted by a company based in the People's Republic of China. Clarifies that access to such platforms should not be denied if necessary to perform certain activities related to law enforcement, investigatory functions, audit, compliance, public safety, or other legal functions of the institution.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The Tennessee Board of Regents, University of Tennessee, and each of the locally governed institutions can block access to certain platforms and can comply with the provisions in the legislation within existing resources.
- Any fiscal impact to public institutions of higher education is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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